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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2854

Examiner: R. Yan

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement mailed November 10, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended through January 10, 2005 by the concurrently-filed request for a one-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, Applicant provisionally elects Species I. Applicant submits that claims 1-7 are readable on the elected species. Applicant respectfully requests formal examination of this application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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Respectfully submitted,

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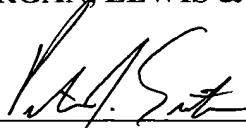
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